

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 102 52 208.1 filed on November 9, 2002. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/DE2003/003605 filed on OCTOBER 29, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, please replace the second paragraph with the following:

--Such a device is known from United States Patent ~~2002/0005158~~ 2002/0005185 A1. The additional valves there are designed as oscillating leaf valves and/or flap valves. Oscillating drives basically cause problems at high frequencies because of the required deceleration and acceleration. In the case of high-speed combustion engines in particular, these problems cannot be overcome, at least not without a great expense in terms of equipment or at least with sufficient operating reliability.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

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